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SUBJECT: W/W (MENTAL) AMCIT STANKO CERKEZ

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1. SUMMARY. B& H AUTHORITIES NOT PREPARED TO RECONSIDER CERKEZ'S PASSPORT APPLICATION THUS LEAVING HIM STUCK IN YUGOSLAVIA AND AT MERCY OF GOY INSTITUTIONS. EMBASSY PROPOSES ANOTHER SOLUTION WHICH MAY SUCCEED AND COMMENTS REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

2. ON FEB 18, CONSUL MET AT LENGTH IN SARAJEVO WITH AHMED ALECKOVIC, CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE-LEGAL AFFAIRS, SECRETARIAT FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA, ABOUT CERKEZ. AFTER RECOUNTING OUR IMPRESSION OF CERKEZ'S MENTAL STATE AND HIS PRESENT PRE-DICAMENT, AND STATING WHAT USG WAS PREPARED TO DO TO HELP CERKEZ, CONSUL ASKED B& H AUTHORITIES TO RECONSIDER THEIR DENIAL OF CERKEZ'S PASSPORT.

3. ALECKOVIC EXPECTEDLY TOOK USUAL GOY HARD LINE REITERATING LITANY THAT CERKEZ IS YUGO CITIZEN, AND IS RECEIVING FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT ACCORDING TO YUGO LAW. ALTHOUGH HE HAS SERVED HIS TIME FOR CRIME OF "TERRORISM", CERKEZ STILL CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND CANNOT BE ISSUED PASSPORT FOR FEAR HE WOULD REPEAT HIS CRIME OR IMPERIL GOY OFFICIALS ABROAD. IF HE NEEDS HELP, AS ALL OTHER YUGO CITIZENS, HE SHOULD TURN TO YUGO INSTITUTIONS. ALECKOVIC

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SHOWED LITTLE APPRECIATION FOR CONSUL'S ASSERTION THAT YUGO HELP

SO FAR HAD BEEN PRETTY SAD SHOW (WITNESS NEAR EXPULSION FROM VRAPCE HOSPITAL IN ZAGREB), AND THAT CERKEZ IS UNQUESTIONABLY MAD AND UNABLE TO COMPREHEND WHAT WOULD BE MOST EXPEDIENT FOR ALL CONCERNED.

4. WITH B& H THUS UNPREPARED RECONSIDER CERKEZ'S CASE, CONSUL ASKED INFORMALLY HOW THEY WOULD REACT IF:

A. WIFE AND SON WERE TO ACTIVELY SEEK CERKEZ'S RETURN, EVEN IN FACE OF HIS THREATS AGAINST HER;

B. EMBASSY WOULD GUARANTEE THAT, IF ALLOWED TO RETURN TO US, CERKEZ WOULD NOT BE ISSUED PASSPORT (UNDER 22 CFR 51.70 (A)(3), (B)(1) OR (B)(4) AND ;

C. IF PRACTICABLE US AUTHORITIES WOULD KEEP CERKEZ UNDER SURVEILLANCE WERE HE TO BE CURED AND RELEASED FROM MENTAL HOSPITAL, THUS PROTECTING GOY REPS IN US.

ALECKOVIC RESPONDED THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED, BUT HE INTIMATED THAT UNDER SUCH "NEW CONDITIONS", THERE MIGHT BE CHANCE FOR RESOLUTION ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT AND CONGEN COMMENTS RE THIS APPROACH. JOHNSON

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